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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communications--WC Docket No. 17-84; WC Docket No. 17-200;  
RM-11791

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules that on September 12, 2017 the undersigned along with Aryeh Fishman Associate General Counsel and Phillip D. Moeller Senior Vice President of the Edison Electric Institute met with Claude Aiken Wireline Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn in connection with the above-referenced proceedings.

EEL's representatives discussed the multi-billion dollar investment that the electric industry is making in order to modernize this nation's power grid. They noted that this new smart energy infrastructure has been enabled by the convergence of energy and telecommunications technologies and that the industry's reliance on communications is increasing. Further, they pointed out that as a result these converged technologies, electric companies have made a commitment to and begun to partner with localities and others to develop smart communities.

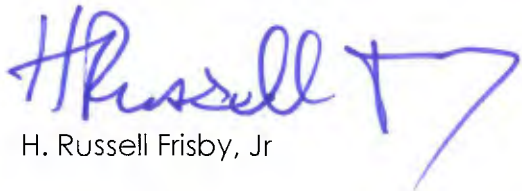
EEL's representatives urged that the Commission not take any actions in the above-referenced proceedings which would negatively impact upon public safety and the provision of reliable electric service, or impair ongoing grid modernization and the growth of smart communities. More specifically, they requested that the membership of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee be expanded to include more representation from electric companies and states so that pole attachment and broadband issues could be considered in a larger context. They indicated that there was no need for the Commission to adjust the pole attachment timelines or rates because make-ready delays are generally caused by new and existing attachers and not the companies, and that lowering the rates would discourage electric company investment in smart infrastructure and telecommunications company investment in their own poles. Finally EEL's representatives reiterated the fact that electric companies need access to more spectrum not less.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

Stinson Leonard Street LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "H. Russell Frisby, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc Claude Aiken